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LONDON--MINOO MASANI, INDIAN PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CONGRESS FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS, SAID TODAY THE PARIS-BASED GROUP HAD RECEIVED U. S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FUNDS.

HE TOLD NEWSMEN THE CONGRESS HAD BEEN THE VICTIM OF A "TRICK."  
"WE ARE ANNOYED THAT THIS TRICK SHOULD HAVE BEEN PLAYED ON US," HE SAID DURING A LONDON STOP ENROUTE TO PARIS WHERE THE CONGRESS IS SCHEDULED TO MEET SATURDAY.

THE CONGRESS FOSTERS SAMINARS AND PUBLISHES SEVERAL MAGAZINES IN VARIOUS CAPITALS. MASANI DENIED THE GROUP HAD BEEN INFLUENCED BY THE CIA.

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